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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK
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In re Application of)
Prof. Richard C. Willson III)
and Dr. Jason Murphy)
Serial No.: 09/994,701)
Filed: 11/06/2001)
For: Nucleic Acid ...)
Metal Affinity Chromatography) Examiner Michael D.
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Response Due: 22 April 2009)

Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION AND FORM
PTOL-303
37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 7 April 2009, consideration of the following Remarks and Request for Continued Examination is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed via fax to 571-273-8300 Central Fax of the USPTO on 21 April 2009 (37 CFR 1.10).

Applicants' Attorney herein responds to the above Office Action and encloses a Form PTO/SB/30 for an RCE. Except for the RCE fee [37 CFR 1.114; \$405], no additional fee is believed due as there are presented no additional claims.